

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ELIZABETH LOU FELT,

Defendant.

CR 14-48-M-DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on March 25, 2019. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to *de novo* review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003).

This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc., 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Judge Lynch recommended this Court accept Elizabeth Lou Felt’s guilty plea after Felt appeared before him pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, and entered a plea of guilty to the offense of theft of government

property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641 as set forth in the Indictment.

I find no clear error in Judge Lynch's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 26), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Elizabeth Lou Felt's motion to change plea (Doc. 20) is GRANTED and Elizabeth Lou Felt is adjudged guilty as charged in the Indictment.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2019.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge
United States District Court